IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HOUN SIMON HSIA

Serial No.: 08/828,143

Filed: March 24, 1997

For: STABILIZED SOLID BACTERIA

COMPOSITIONS

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Irene Marx

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the most recent Office Action, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16-20 and 24-35 without prejudice

Please add new claims 36 - 42.

26 July

(NEW)

A nutritional supplement composition comprising:

a sealed container containing a solid, dry admixture wherein said admixture is comprised of

dried, viable Lactobacilli bacteria,

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